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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE LUMINENT MORTGAGE CAPITAL,  
INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION

No. C 07-4073 PJH

CLASS ACTION

DECLARATION OF ALAN R. PLUTZIK IN  
SUPPORT OF RONALD LARSON'S  
AMENDED MOTION TO BE APPOINTED  
LEAD PLAINTIFF AND FOR APPROVAL  
OF LEAD PLAINTIFF'S SELECTION OF  
LEAD COUNSEL

DATE: November 21, 2007

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

COURTROOM: 3

JUDGE: Hon. Phyllis J. Hamilton

1 I, Alan R. Plutzik, declare under penalty of perjury this 17th day of October, 2007:

2 1. I am an attorney admitted to practice before this Court. I am Of Counsel to the law  
3 firm of Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, LLP. I submit this declaration in support of the  
4 accompanying Amended Motion of Ronald Larson To Be Appointed Lead Plaintiff and for Approval  
5 of Lead Plaintiff's Selection of Lead Counsel.

6 2. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of Ronald Larson's signed  
7 certification pursuant to the requirements of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. 15  
8 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(2).

9 3. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of the notice to class members  
10 concerning the above-captioned actions that was published on August 9, 2007 on *Business Wire*  
11 advising the public of the pendency of a class action filed on behalf of shareholders of Luminent  
12 Mortgage Capital, Inc. ("Luminent").

13 4. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of a chart of Ronald Larson's  
14 transactions and approximate losses in Luminent securities.

15 5. Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of the firm biography for  
16 Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, LLP, the law firm seeking the Court's approval as Lead  
17 Counsel.

18 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this  
19 Declaration was executed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007, at Walnut Creek, California.  
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21 /s Alan R. Plutzik

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# **EXHIBIT A**

## CERTIFICATION

I, Ronald R. Larson ("Plaintiff") declare, as to the claims asserted under the federal securities laws, that:

1. Plaintiff has reviewed the Complaint, prepared by Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, LLP.
2. Plaintiff did not purchase the security that is the subject of this action at the direction of Plaintiff's counsel or in order to participate in any private action.
3. Plaintiff is willing to serve as a representative party on behalf of the class, including providing testimony at deposition and trial, if necessary. I understand that this is not a claim form, and that my ability to share in any recovery as a member of the class is not dependent upon execution of this Plaintiff Certification.
4. Plaintiff's purchase and sale transaction(s) in the **Luminent Mortgage Capital, Inc. (NYSE: LUM)** security that is the subject of this action during the Class Period is/are as follows:

PURCHASES			SALES		
Buy Date	Shares	Price per Share	Sell Date	Shares	Price per Share
See Attached					

Please list additional transactions and/or related securities (options, bonds, or preferred stock) on a separate piece of paper, if necessary.

5. Plaintiff has complete authority to bring a suit to recover for investment losses on behalf of purchasers of the subject securities described herein (including plaintiff, any co-owners, any corporations or other entities, and/or any beneficial owners).
6. During the three years prior to the date of this Certification, Plaintiff has not sought to serve or served as a representative party for a class in an action filed under the federal securities laws except as described below: \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Plaintiff will not accept any payment for serving as a representative party on behalf of the class beyond the Plaintiff's pro rata share of any recovery, except such reasonable costs and expenses (including lost wages) directly relating to the representation of the class as ordered or approved by the Court.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 21 day of October, 2007.

Ronald R. Larson  
Signature

RONALD R. LARSON  
Print Name

**Ronald Larson****SCHEDULE A**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Purchase or Sale</b>	<b>Type of Securities</b>	<b>Number of Securities</b>	<b>Price of Securities</b>
7/25/2007	Purchase	Com Stk	10,000	8.7600
7/25/2007	Purchase	Com Stk	2,000	8.4700
7/25/2007	Purchase	Com Stk	2,000	8.3600
7/25/2007	Purchase	Com Stk	2,000	8.3300
7/26/2007	Purchase	Com Stk	6,000	7.9800
8/2/2007	Purchase	Com Stk	3,000	7.1000
8/7/2007	Sale	Com Stk	15,000	0.8000
8/8/2007	Sale	Com Stk	10,000	1.0300

# **EXHIBIT B**

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## **Lerach Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins LLP Files Class Action Suit Against Luminent Mortgage Capital, Inc.**

Thursday August 9, 5:01 pm ET

SAN DIEGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Lerach Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins LLP ("Lerach Coughlin") (<http://www.lerachlaw.com/cases/luminent/>) today announced that a class action has been commenced in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California on behalf of purchasers of Luminent Mortgage Capital, Inc. ("Luminent") (NYSE:[LUM](#) - [News](#)) publicly traded securities during the period between October 10, 2006 and August 6, 2007 (the "Class Period").

If you wish to serve as lead plaintiff, you must move the Court no later than 60 days from August 8, 2007. If you wish to discuss this action or have any questions concerning this notice or your rights or interests, please contact plaintiff's counsel, Darren Robbins of Lerach Coughlin at 800/449-4900 or 619/231-1058, or via e-mail at [wsl@lerachlaw.com](mailto:wsl@lerachlaw.com). If you are a member of this class, you can view a copy of the complaint as filed or join this class action online at <http://www.lerachlaw.com/cases/luminent/>. Any member of the purported class may move the Court to serve as lead plaintiff through counsel of their choice, or may choose to do nothing and remain an absent class member.

The complaint charges Luminent and certain of its officers and directors with violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Luminent is a real estate investment trust ("REIT"). The Company invests primarily in the United States agency and other single-family, adjustable-rate, hybrid adjustable-rate and fixed-rate mortgage-backed securities, which it acquires in the secondary market.

The complaint alleges that during the Class Period, defendants issued materially false and misleading statements regarding the Company's business and financial results. As a result of defendants' false statements, Luminent stock traded at artificially inflated prices during the Class Period, which allowed the defendants to complete an offering of common stock in October 2006 at \$10.25 per share and a \$90 million private placement of 8.125% Convertible Senior Notes due 2027 on May 30, 2007. Then, on August 6, 2007, after the market closed, the Company issued a press release announcing that the secondary market for mortgage loans and mortgage-backed securities had seized-up, and, as a result, Luminent was experiencing a significant increase in margin calls on its highest quality assets and a decrease on the financing advance rates provided by its lenders. On August 7, 2007, Luminent's stock collapsed \$3.30 per share to close at \$1.08 per share, a one-day decline of 75% on volume of 32.2 million shares, 25 times the average three-month volume.

According to the complaint, the true facts, which were known by the defendants but concealed from the investing public during the Class Period, were as follows: (a) the Company lacked requisite internal controls, and, as a result, the Company's projections and reported results issued during the Class Period were based upon defective assumptions and/or manipulated facts; (b) the Company's investments in mortgage loans were not all "high quality" as claimed by defendants, nor was its hedging disciplined and sophisticated as to credit risk; and (c) the Company was not on track to report the earnings forecast or to pay the dividends promised.

Plaintiff seeks to recover damages on behalf of all purchasers of Luminent publicly traded securities during the Class Period (the "Class"). The plaintiff is represented by Lerach Coughlin, which has expertise in prosecuting investor class actions and extensive experience in actions involving financial fraud.

Lerach Coughlin, a 180-lawyer firm with offices in San Diego, San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York, Boca Raton, Washington, D.C., Houston and Philadelphia, is active in major litigations pending in federal and state courts

throughout the United States and has taken a leading role in many important actions on behalf of defrauded investors, consumers, and companies, as well as victims of human rights violations. Lerach Coughlin lawyers have been responsible for more than \$45 billion in aggregate recoveries. The Lerach Coughlin Web site (<http://www.lerachlaw.com>) has more information about the firm.

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# **EXHIBIT C**

LUMINENT MORTGAGE CAPITAL, INC. ESTIMATED LOSSES									
PURCHASE TRANSACTIONS					SALES TRANSACTIONS				
PLAINTIFF	DATE	SHARES	SHARE PRICE	PURCHASE AMOUNT	DATE	SHARES	SHARE PRICE	SALES AMOUNT	ESTIMATED LOSSES
Ronald Larson	7/25/2007	10,000	8.7600	87,600.00	8/7/2007	15,000	0.8000	12,000.00	(75,600.00)
	7/25/2007	2,000	8.4700	16,940.00	8/8/2007	10,000	1.0300	10,300.00	(6,640.00)
	7/25/2007	2,000	8.3600	16,720.00					(16,720.00)
	7/25/2007	2,000	8.3300	16,660.00					(16,660.00)
	7/26/2007	6,000	7.9800	47,880.00					(47,880.00)
	8/2/2007	3,000	7.1000	21,300.00					(21,300.00)
		25,000				25,000			(184,800.00)
TOTAL FOR RONALD LARSON									(184,800.00)
CLASS PERIOD: 10/10/06 - 8/6/07									
(1) Pursuant to the PSLRA, shares sold during the 90-days after the end of the Class Period have been assigned the higher price of either the actual sales price as reflected on the Certification or the moving mean average price per share through the date of sale.									

# **EXHIBIT D**



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## **FIRM PROFILE**

Schiffirin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, LLP, located just outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, specializes in representing shareholders and consumers in complex class action litigation in state and federal courts throughout the United States. Since our inception, SBTK has recovered billions of dollars on behalf of defrauded shareholders and aggrieved consumers. The firm is led by its senior partners, Richard S. Schiffirin, Andrew L. Barroway, Marc A. Topaz, and David Kessler, with assistance from partners Stuart L. Berman, Katharine M. Ryan, Gregory M. Castaldo, Michael K. Yarnoff, Joseph H. Meltzer, Darren J. Check, Tobias L. Millrood, Andrew L. Zivitz, Sean M. Handler, John A. Kehoe, Lee D. Rudy, Kay E. Sickles, Eric L. Zagar and numerous experienced associates and staff.

SBTK focuses on the prosecution of securities fraud actions and derivative and transactional litigation brought against public companies, their officers and directors, and their auditors and investment banking firms. In addition, SBTK represents employees in ERISA/401 K actions, as well as individuals and institutions in consumer litigation, product liability and antitrust actions.

Throughout our history, SBTK has represented various private institutional investors, including public and Taft-Hartley pension funds, hedge funds, mutual fund managers, investment advisors, and insurance companies, as well as thousands of individual investors in securities fraud class actions. Currently, SBTK is serving as Lead or Co-Lead Counsel in several high profile securities class actions against companies such as Tyco, Delphi Corp., Tenet Healthcare, Sprint Corp. and PNC Bank. In addition, SBTK has played a prominent role in the following precedent setting actions:

**In re Tenet Healthcare Corp. Securities Litigation,  
No. CV-02-8462-RSWL (Rx) (C.D. Cal. 2002)**

SBTK serves as co-lead counsel on behalf of the State of New Jersey and its Division of

Investment against Tenet Healthcare Corp. and certain of its former officers and directors. Among other things, the Lead Plaintiff alleges that defendants made a series of materially false or misleading statements and omissions concerning Tenet's business model and financial health from January 11, 2000 through November 7, 2002. After defeating defendants' motions to dismiss and performing substantial document and deposition discovery, a partial settlement has been reached in the amount of \$216.5 million in cash which will be submitted for preliminary approval by the Court in the coming weeks. The Partial Settlement is being funded primarily by Tenet and its insurance carriers (\$215 million), with personal contributions in the aggregate amount of \$1.5 million being made by two of Tenet's former officers, Jeffrey Barbakow and Thomas Mackey. In addition to the substantial cash recovery, the prosecution of this action has played a prominent role in Tenet's initiation of sweeping corporate governance reforms which have led to Tenet being ranked by various institutional rating entities as among the best corporations in America for its corporate governance. The case will continue against KPMG as the Court denied KPMG's motion to dismiss the action in its entirety in December, 2005.

**In re AremisSoft Corp. Securities Litigation,  
C.A. No. 01-CV-2486 (D.N.J. 2002):**

SBTK is particularly proud of the results achieved in this case before the Honorable Joel A. Pisano. This case was exceedingly complicated, as it involved the embezzlement of hundreds of millions of dollars by former officers of the Company, some of whom remain fugitives. In settling the action, SBTK, as sole Lead Counsel, assisted in reorganizing the Company as a new Company which allowed for it to continue operations, while successfully separating out the securities fraud claims and the bankrupt Company's claims into a litigation trust. The Settlement, approved by the court, enabled the class to receive the majority of the equity in the new Company, as well as their pro rata share of all amounts recovered by the litigation trust. The court-appointed co-trustees, Joseph P. LaSala, Esq. and Fred S. Zeidman, retained SBTK to further assist with prosecuting the actions on behalf of the litigation trust. After filing an action in the Isle of Man, where the trust successfully froze more than \$200 million of stolen funds from one of the fugitives, the trust achieved a settlement of this action for \$200 million, which was returned to the United States and paid to the trust. Recently, the trust commenced another action in Cyprus, where it obtained a Mareva injunction and interim ancillary relief against bank accounts and assets owned and/or controlled by the other principal wrongdoer. Thus far, counsel on behalf of the trust and its beneficiaries have achieved settlements with the Company and certain of its directors and officers as well as the Company's auditors, lawyer and underwriters for a total of more than \$250 million. The beneficiaries of the trust have already received in excess of 28% of their recognized losses.

**In re Initial Public Offering Securities Litigation,  
Master File No. 21 MC 92 (SAS) (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 12, 2002):**

SBTK is one of only six law firms comprising Plaintiffs' Counsel's Executive Committee, and was selected from over sixty law firms which had brought such actions. This litigation challenges the legality of the IPO allocations practices of virtually all of the major investment banking firms from 1998 through 2000, and encompasses over 300 coordinated actions.

## PARTNERS

**RICHARD S. SCHIFFRIN**, founding partner of the firm, is licensed to practice law in Illinois and Pennsylvania, and has been admitted to practice before numerous United States District Courts. In his seven years of practice with the Office of the Public Defender of Cook County, Illinois, Mr. Schiffrin represented hundreds of clients in both bench and jury trials, as well as appeals. Mr. Schiffrin has also taught legal writing and appellate advocacy at John Marshall Law School and has served as a faculty member at numerous legal seminars, including the Annual Institute on Securities Regulation, NERA: Finance, Law & Economics — Securities Litigation Seminar, the Tulane Corporate Law Institute, and the CityBar Center for CLE (NYC): Ethical Issues in the Practice of Securities Law.

Most recently, Mr. Schiffrin spoke at the MultiPensions 2005 Conference in Amsterdam, Netherlands; the Public Funds Symposium 2005 in Washington, D.C.; the European Pension Symposium in Florence, Italy; and the Pennsylvania Public Employees Retirement Summit (PAPERS) in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Schiffrin oversees all aspects of litigation on behalf of the firm. Mr. Schiffrin has been recognized for his expertise in numerous cases, including most prominently:

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*Henry v. Sears, et al., Case No. 98 C 4110 (N.D. Ill. 1999):*

Schiffirin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Lead Counsel on behalf of the largest class of credit card holders in history. At stake was the right of Sears and its newly formed affiliate, Sears National Bank ("SNB"), to retroactively increase the interest rates on eleven million credit card accounts with outstanding balances resulting from purchases made prior to the accounts being transferred to SNB. Schiffirin Barroway Topaz & Kessler alleged that such conduct violated the Truth-in-Lending Act, the National Banking Act and state consumer fraud statutes. After extensively litigating various aspects of liability, an additional nine months were then spent determining damages. The extraordinary complexity of the damage calculations required Mr. Schiffirin and experts from both parties to develop, test and utilize a novel computer model to ascertain total damages for the class and individualized damages for each class member. Ultimately, Mr. Schiffirin and his partner, Mr. Kessler, were able to negotiate a \$156 million settlement, which represented approximately 66% of total damages. In approving the settlement, District Court Judge Leinenwebber of the Northern District of Illinois stated:

. . . I am pleased to approve the settlement. I think it does the best that could be done under the circumstances on behalf of the class. . . . The litigation was complex in both liability and damages and required both professional skill and standing which class counsel demonstrated in abundance.

The entire settlement fund of \$156 million was distributed without the filing of a single proof of claim form by any class member.

*Wanstrath v. Doctor R. Crants, et al., C.A. No. 99-1719-III  
(Tenn. Chan. Ct., 20th Judicial District, 1999):*

Schiffirin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Lead Counsel in a derivative action filed against the officers and directors of Prison Realty Trust, Inc., challenging the transfer of assets from the Company to a private entity owned by several of the Company's top insiders. Numerous federal securities class actions were pending against the Company at this time. Through the derivative litigation, the Company's top management was ousted, the composition of the Board of Directors was significantly improved and important corporate governance provisions were put in place to prevent future abuse. Mr. Schiffirin, in addition to achieving these desirable results, was able to personally effectuate a global settlement of all pending litigation against the backdrop of an almost certain bankruptcy. The case was resolved in conjunction with the federal securities cases for the payment of approximately \$50 million by the Company's insurers and the issuance of over 46 million shares to the class members.

*Jordan v. State Farm Insurance Company, Case No. 97 CH 11  
(Cir. Ct., McLean County, Ill. 1998):*

Schiffirin Barroway Topaz & Kessler brought a claim on behalf of multiple plaintiffs alleging that State Farm had engaged in fraudulent sales practices by "churning" policies and marketing and selling "vanishing premium" policies that never "vanished." After several years of discovery, motion practice and settlement negotiations, Mr. Schiffirin played a critical role in



resolving the action for \$225 million in cash, dividend enhancements and other monetary benefits for current and former State Farm policyholders. Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler also has achieved substantial settlements in 20 additional cases alleging fraudulent sales practices by various insurance companies.

Mr. Schiffrin has also represented defrauded shareholders and companies in complex class and derivative actions, including the following:

*Huscher v. Curley, et al., No. 00 Civ. 21379 (Mich. Cir. Ct., 2000) (In re Sotheby's Holdings, Inc. Derivative Litigation):*

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Lead Counsel in a derivative action arising out of Sotheby's alleged antitrust price fixing conspiracy with auction house rival Christie's International PLC. A multi-million dollar settlement was negotiated by Mr. Schiffrin whereby Diana Brooks (Sotheby's President at the time of the alleged wrongdoing) agreed to relinquish all of her Sotheby's stock options, and the Company's insurance carrier made a substantial monetary payment to the Company. In addition, significant changes in the Company's top management and Board of Directors were achieved in conjunction with the settlement of the litigation.

**ANDREW L. BARROWAY**, managing partner of the firm, received his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he was a member of the ABA Negotiation team. He is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Mr. Barroway frequently lectures on securities class action and lead plaintiff issues, and recently spoke at the 2005 Institutional Investor Hedge Fund Workshop in New York City and the Public Funds Summit 2005 in Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. Barroway has been actively involved in all aspects of litigation on behalf of the firm, and co-manages the firm's securities department. Of his numerous successful representations of shareholders, the following stand out as exceptional:

*In re The Interpublic Group of Companies Securities Litigation, No. 02 Civ. 6527 (S.D.N.Y. 2002):*

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as sole Lead Counsel in this action on behalf of an institutional investor and recently received final approval of a settlement consisting of \$20 million in cash and 6,551,725 shares of IPG common stock. As of February 2005, the stock had an approximate value of \$87 million, resulting in a total settlement value of approximately \$107 million. In granting its approval, the Court praised Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler for acting responsibly and noted the firm's professionalism, competence and contribution to achieving such a favorable result.

*In re Digital Lightwave, Inc. Securities Litigation, Consolidated Case No. 98-152-CIV-T-24E (M.D. Fla. 1999):*

The firm served as Co-Lead Counsel in one of the nation's most successful securities class actions. After extensive litigation and negotiations, a settlement consisting primarily of stock



ultimately grew to a value of over \$170 million between the time in which the settlement was negotiated and the time at which it was distributed. Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler took on the primary role in negotiating the terms of the equity component, insisting that the class have the right to share in any upward appreciation in the value of the stock after the settlement was reached. This recovery represented an astounding approximately two hundred percent (200%) of class members' losses. Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler believes that this represents the largest percentage recovery for shareholders in securities class action history.

Mr. Barroway, along with his partner, Mr. Kessler, has also negotiated substantial settlements of securities class actions in which Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler was Lead or Co-Lead Counsel against Pinnacle Holdings, Cell Pathways, Gateway, Mercator and NetSolve. Mr. Barroway currently represents numerous public pension funds, private investment funds, money management firms, and individuals in securities fraud litigation as Lead or Co-Lead Counsel.

**MARC A. TOPAZ**, a senior partner of the firm, received his law degree from Temple University School of Law, where he was an editor of the Temple Law Review and a member of the Moot Court Honor Society. He also received his Master of Law (L.L.M.) in taxation from the New York University School of Law, where he served as an editor of the New York University Tax Law Review. He is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Mr. Topaz manages the firm's derivative, transactional and antitrust departments. In this regard, Mr. Topaz has been actively involved in litigating the following prominent cases:

*In re MTC Electronic Shareholder Litigation, No. CV-93-0876 (E.D.N.Y. 1993):*

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Co-Counsel in a case involving securities fraud by MTC, its officers and directors, underwriters and accountants. The case presented novel issues of Chinese law, and required the construction of a database of hundreds of thousands of documents utilized in numerous party and non-party depositions. A \$72 million settlement was achieved on the eve of trial.

*In re Oppenheimer Capital, L.P., Unitholders Litigation, Consolidated No. 16022NC (Del. Ch. 1997):*

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of plaintiffs alleging that a merger proposed by Pimco Advisors benefitted certain Pimco insiders by disproportionately allocating tax benefits achieved from the restructuring of a limited partnership, and failing to provide adequate compensation to the Oppenheimer shareholders. Plaintiffs moved to enjoin the transaction and a settlement was reached whereby defendants agreed to pay a special dividend to Oppenheimer limited partners of approximately \$16 million.

*Wanstrath v. Doctor R. Crants, et al., C.A. No. 99-1719-III (Tenn. Chan. Ct., 20th Judicial District, 1999):*

*(See description under Richard S. Schiffrin)*

**DAVID KESSLER**, a senior partner of the firm, graduated with distinction from the Emory School of Law. He is licensed to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Prior to practicing law, Mr. Kessler was a Certified Public Accountant in Pennsylvania. Mr. Kessler co-manages the firm's nationally recognized securities department and assists in the management of the mass tort department. In addition, Mr. Kessler often lectures on securities litigation and was a featured speaker on hot topics in securities litigation in a seminar entitled "The Explosion and Evolution of Class Action Law" in December 2004 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the Corporate Governance Summit on Corporate Accountability in July 2003 in New York City. Mr. Kessler has achieved the following outstanding results in federal securities cases:

*In re Initial Public Offering Securities Litigation,*  
*Master File No. 21 MC 92 (SAS) (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 12, 2002):*

Mr. Kessler, along with Mr. Schiffrin, is presently heading up the firm's litigation efforts in its prominent position as an Executive Committee member in this action. Of the sixty plaintiffs firms which originally filed actions in these coordinated proceedings, Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler was one of only six selected to serve on the Executive Committee. The coordinated actions, which have been filed against 309 separate issuers of publicly traded securities, challenge the legality of the practices which company the allocations of shares in initial public offerings. In addition to suing the issuers of such securities, the 309 coordinated actions also name as defendants the primary investment banking firms which underwrote the offerings. This case, which has received a great deal of national and international media attention, is widely considered the largest securities class action litigation in history. At the present time, the court has preliminarily approved a \$1 billion settlement with the issuers and their officers and directors. The case is proceeding against the underwriting defendants.

*In re Assisted Living Concepts, Inc. Securities Litigation, Lead Case No. 99-167-AA (D. Or. 1999):*

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Co-Lead Counsel and was instrumental in obtaining a \$30 million recovery for class members from the Company, its executive officers and directors, and several underwriters for their role in an alleged complex accounting fraud involving the use of a purportedly independent joint venture to absorb the Company's startup losses. Even after this \$30 million recovery, through counsel's efforts, an additional \$12.5 million was obtained from the auditors providing for a total recovery of \$42.5 million.

*In re Twinlab Corporation Securities Litigation, Master File*  
*No. 98-CV-7425 (E.D.N.Y. 1998):*

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Co-Lead Counsel and successfully litigated the action and was able to negotiate a settlement in the amount of \$26 million plus interest.

*In re Cumulus Media Inc. Securities Litigation, Lead Case*  
No. 00-C-391 (E.D. Wis. 2000):

Schiffrein Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Lead Counsel and successfully litigated the action and negotiated a settlement of \$13 million in cash and 240,000 shares of freely tradable stock in Cumulus Media, which traded for approximately \$19 per share, for a total settlement value of \$17.5 million at the time the settlement was approved by the Court.

**STUART L. BERMAN**, a partner of the firm, received his law degree from George Washington University National Law Center, and his undergraduate degree from Brandeis University. He is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Mr. Berman manages the firm's lead plaintiff department and has been instrumental in courts appointing many of the firm's institutional and individual clients as lead plaintiffs in important cases, such as:

*In re Tenet Healthcare Corp. Securities Litigation*, No. CV-02-8462- RSWL (C.D. Cal. 2002),

*In re The Interpublic Group of Companies Securities Litigation*, No. 02 Civ. 6527 (S.D.N.Y. 2002), *State of New Jersey and Its Division of Investment v. Sprint Corporation, et al.*, No. 03-2071-JWL (D. Kan. 2003),

*In re DreamWorks Animation SKG, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, CV-05-03966 MRP (VBKx) (C.D. Cal. 2005),

*In re Delphi Corp. Sec. Litig.*, 1:05-CV-2637 (NRB) (S.D.N.Y. 2005);

*In re Star Gas Sec. Litig.*, 3:04-CV-01766-JBA (D. Conn. 2004), *Witriol v. Conexant Systems, Inc.*, 04-CV-6219 (SRC/TJB) (D.N.J. 2004),

*In re Vaxgen Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. C 03-01129 JSW (N.D. Cal. 2003),

*In re American Business Financial Services, Inc.*, No. 04- 0265 (E.D. Pa. 2004)

and *In re Autobyte, Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. CV04-8987 MMM (JWJx) (C.D. Cal. 2004).

Mr. Berman represents institutional investors worldwide in securities litigation and other related matters. In addition, Mr. Berman is a frequent speaker on securities issues, especially as they relate to institutional investors, at The European Pension Symposium in Florence, Italy; the Public Funds Symposium 2005 in Washington, D.C.; the *Pennsylvania Public Employees Retirement (PAPERS) Summit* in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and the New England Pension Summit in Newport, Rhode Island. He speaks with institutional investors located around the world regarding their rights and obligations associated with securities fraud class actions and individual actions. Mr. Berman works closely with the firm's institutional investors and counsels

them on fulfilling their fiduciary obligations and exercising their rights in all types of securities related actions.

Mr. Berman has specialized in the area of securities litigation for the past nine years. He is particularly proud of the results achieved in *In re AremisSoft Corp. Sec. Litig., C.A. No. 01-CV-2486 (D.N.J. 2002)*, a case on which Mr. Berman and his partner, Richard Schiffrin, have worked extensively. This case was exceedingly complicated, as it involved the embezzlement of hundreds of millions of dollars by former officers of the Company, some of whom are now fugitives. In settling the action, Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, as sole Lead Counsel, assisted in reorganizing AremisSoft as a new Company which allowed for it to continue operations, while successfully separating out the securities fraud claims and the bankrupt Company's claims into a litigation trust. The Settlement, which was approved by the Court, called for the class to receive the majority of the equity in the new Company, as well as their pro rata share of all amounts recovered by the litigation trust. The Court-appointed co-trustees, Joseph P. LaSala, Esq. and Fred S. Zeidman, retained Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler to continue prosecuting the actions on behalf of the litigation trust. After extensive litigation in the Isle of Man, including the successful freezing of more than \$200 million of stolen funds, the trust recently settled its action against one of the principal wrongdoers and recovered approximately \$200 million. Thus far, the trust has distributed to beneficiaries of the trust more than 28% of their recognized losses (excluding the value of the equity of the new Company), and is poised to recover even more. Recently, the trust commenced further litigation in Cyprus, where it obtained a Mareva injunction and interim ancillary relief against bank accounts and assets owned and/or controlled by the other principal wrongdoer.

**KATHARINE M. RYAN**, a partner of the firm, graduated *cum laude* from Villanova University School of Law in May 1984. Ms. Ryan is admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and the United States Supreme Court. Ms. Ryan recently participated as a speaker in a legal teleconference entitled "Is the PSLRA's Safe Harbor Provision Safe?" Ms. Ryan is actively involved in litigating several of the firm's most prominent cases and was integral in the excellent results achieved in the following cases:

*In re The Interpublic Group of Companies Securities Litigation, No. 02 Civ. 6527 (S.D.N.Y. 2002):*

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as sole Lead Counsel in this action on behalf of an institutional investor and recently received final approval of a settlement consisting of \$20 million in cash and 6,551,725 shares of IPG common stock. As of February 2005, the stock had an approximate value of \$87 million, resulting in a total settlement value of approximately \$107 million. In granting its approval, the Court praised Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler for acting responsibly and noted the firm's professionalism, competence and contribution to achieving such a favorable result.

*In re New Power Holdings, Inc. Securities Litigation, No. 02 Civ. 1550 (S.D.N.Y. 2002):*

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Co-Lead Counsel and was instrumental in

obtaining a recovery of \$41 million in cash for class members against a bankrupt company, certain of its officers and directors and the underwriters of the Company's offering. Claims involved New Power, an offshoot of Enron, that was formed to re-enter the deregulated energy market and pursued an IPO with no viable plan to hedge against volatile energy prices.

**GREGORY M. CASTALDO**, a partner of the firm, received his law degree from Loyola Law School, where he received the American Jurisprudence award in legal writing. He received his undergraduate degree from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. He is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Mr. Castaldo has been actively involved in litigating the following cases:

*In re Liberate Technologies Securities Litigation, No. C-02-5017 (MJJ) (N.D. Cal. 2005):*

Plaintiffs alleged that Liberate engaged in fraudulent revenue recognition practices to artificially inflate the price of its stock, ultimately forcing it to restate its earnings. As sole Lead Counsel, Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler successfully negotiated a \$13.8 million settlement, which represents almost 40% of the damages suffered by the class. In approving the settlement, the district court complimented Lead Counsel for its "extremely credible and competent job."

*In re Unigraphics Solutions Inc. Shareholders Litigation, Consol. C.A. No. 18916,*

Delaware Chancery Court, in which Class Counsel was partially responsible for creating an aggregate financial benefit of approximately \$35 million for members of the class;

*In re Prodigy Communications Corp. Shareholders Litigation, Consol. C.A. No. 19113-NC,*

Delaware Chancery Court, in which Class Counsel was partially responsible for creating an aggregate financial benefit of approximately \$36 million for members of the class; and

*In re Sodexho Marriott Shareholders Litigation, Consol. C.A. No. 18640-NC,*

Delaware Chancery Court, in which Class Counsel was partially responsible for creating an aggregate financial benefit of approximately \$166 million for members of the class.

Mr. Castaldo is also presently litigating *In re Tenet Healthcare Corp. Securities Litigation, No. CV-02-8462-RSWL (C.D. Cal. 2002)*, and *State of New Jersey and Its Division of Investment v. Sprint Corporation, et al., No. 03-2071-JWL (D. Kan. 2003)*.

**MICHAEL K. YARNOFF**, a partner of the firm, received his law degree from Widener University School of Law. Mr. Yarnoff is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the District of New Jersey. He serves in the firm's securities litigation department and has been actively involved in a number of federal securities cases in which outstanding results were achieved, including the following:



*In re CVS Corporation Securities Litigation, C.A. No. 01-11464 JLT (D.Mass.):*

After more than three years of contentious litigation and a series of protracted mediation sessions, Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, LLP, serving as co-lead counsel, secured a \$110 million recovery for class members in the CVS Securities Litigation. Specifically, the suit alleged that CVS violated accounting practices by delaying discounts on merchandise in an effort to prop up its earnings. In addition, the suit charged that in 2001, the Company and its Chief Executive Officer, Thomas M. Ryan, improperly delayed announcement of its intention to close approximately 200 underperforming stores, and that an industry-wide pharmacist shortage would have a materially negative impact on the Company's performance. Settlement was reached just days prior to the commencement of trial, and shortly after the district court had denied the defendants' motions for summary judgment. This substantial recovery, which represents the third-largest settlement in a securities class action case in the First Circuit, received final approval from District Judge Joseph Tauro on September 27, 2004.

*In re InfoSpace, Inc. Securities Litigation, Master File No. C-01-0913-Z (D. Wash. 2001):*

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of plaintiffs alleging that InfoSpace and certain of its officers and directors overstated revenues by using improper accounting methods, overstated the demand for InfoSpace's wireless services, misstated InfoSpace's financial relationships with major customers, and falsely represented that InfoSpace would receive subscription fees from users of web-enabled cell phones. After two years of hard-fought litigation and complex mediation, a settlement of \$34.3 million was obtained for members of the class.

*In re Riverstone Networks, Inc. Securities Litigation, Case No. CV-02-3581 (N.D. Cal. 2002):*

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Lead Counsel on behalf of plaintiffs alleging that Riverstone and certain of its officers and directors sought to create the impression that the Company, despite the industry-wide downturn in the telecom sector, had the ability to prosper and succeed and was actually prospering. In that regard, plaintiffs alleged that defendants issued a series of false and misleading statements concerning the Company's financial condition, sales and prospects, and used inside information to personally profit. After extensive litigation, the parties entered into formal mediation with the Honorable Charles Legge (Ret.). Following five-months of mediation, the parties reached a settlement of \$18.5 million.

**JOSEPH MELTZER**, a partner of the firm, received his law degree, with honors, from Temple University School of Law. He is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Mr. Meltzer concentrates his practice in the areas of ERISA and antitrust complex litigation, and manages the firm's ERISA litigation department, which has excelled in the highly specialized area of prosecuting claims on behalf of retirement savings plans. Mr. Meltzer is Lead Counsel in several pending nationwide class actions brought under ERISA.

Mr. Meltzer has helped obtain several multi-million dollar settlements on behalf of class members, including the recent settlements in *In re Global Crossing ERISA Litigation*, No. 02 Civ. 7453 (S.D.N.Y.) (\$79 million settlement) and *In re Augmentin Antitrust Litigation*, No. 02-442 (E.D. Va.) (\$29 million settlement). Mr. Meltzer also prosecutes claims on behalf of third-party payors and consumers and is currently serving as Lead Counsel in *In re Remeron Antitrust Litigation*, No. 02-CV-2007 (D.N.J.) and *In re Wellbutrin SR/Zyban Antitrust Litigation* (E.D. Pa.).

Prior to joining Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Meltzer practiced at Barrack, Rodos & Bacine in Philadelphia, where he had prominent roles in prosecuting several complex class actions to successful conclusions, including *In re Sorbates Direct Purchaser Antitrust Litigation*, No. C 98-4886 (N.D. Cal. 2001) (\$92 million settlement) and also defended clients in antitrust and commercial litigation.

**ANDREW L. ZIVITZ**, a partner of the firm, received his law degree from Duke University School of Law, and received a Bachelor of Arts degree, with distinction, from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Prior to joining Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Zivitz practiced with the Philadelphia law firms of Klehr, Harrison, Harvey, Branzburg & Ellers, LLP and Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP, where he litigated complex commercial and environmental matters.

Mr. Zivitz is admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Mr. Zivitz concentrates his practice in the area of securities litigation, and is Lead or Co-Lead Counsel in several of the largest class action securities cases currently pending nationwide. In addition, Mr. Zivitz has been actively involved in a number of federal securities cases in which outstanding results were achieved, including the following:

*In re Tenet Healthcare Corp.*, 02-CV-8462 (C.D.Cal.):

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of plaintiffs, alleging that Tenet Healthcare and certain of its officers and directors defrauded Medicare out of hundreds of millions of dollars, materially overstated Tenet's revenues, and performed unnecessary cardiac surgeries to increase the Company's earnings. After three years of hard-fought litigation and complex mediation, Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler helped obtain a settlement involving a \$216.5 million payment from Tenet and the Company's former CEO and COO, and specific corporate governance improvements.

*In re Computer Associates*, No. 02-CV-1226 (E.D.N.Y.):

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of plaintiffs, alleging that Computer Associates and certain of its officers misrepresented the health of the company's business, materially overstated the company's revenues, and engaged in illegal insider selling. After nearly

two years of litigation, Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler helped obtain a settlement of \$150 million from the company.

*In re Aon Corp., No. 02-CV-5631 (N.D. Ill.):*

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Lead Counsel and was instrumental in obtaining a recovery of \$7.25 million for class members against Aon Corp. and certain of its officers. Plaintiffs brought claims against the defendants on the grounds that they touted the prospects and successes of the company's multi-million dollar "Business Transformation Plan," when in fact they knew that the plan was damaging the company's business.

**DARREN J. CHECK**, a partner of the firm, received his law degree from Temple University School of Law and his undergraduate degree in History, with honors, from Franklin & Marshall College. He is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, and the United States District Court for the District of Colorado. Mr. Check concentrates his practice in the area of securities litigation and institutional investor relations. Mr. Check began his career at Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler by working extensively with partner David Kessler on *In re Initial Public Offering Securities Litigation, No. 21 MC 92 (SAS) (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 12, 2002)*, widely considered the largest securities class action in history. Mr. Check currently concentrates his work as the firm's Director of Institutional Relations, and consults with institutional investors from around the world regarding their rights and responsibilities with respect to their investments in the U.S. market, the monitoring of their investments, and taking an active role in shareholder litigation. Mr. Check regularly meets with institutional investors and speaks at conferences and seminars to discuss class actions, corporate governance, and how Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler's services can be of use to them. Recently, Mr. Check spoke at the MultiPensions 2005 Conference in Amsterdam, Netherlands; the European Pension Symposium in Florence, Italy; the Public Funds Summit 2005 in Phoenix, Arizona; the Pennsylvania Public Employees Retirement (PAPERS) Summit in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and the New England Pension Summit in Newport, Rhode Island.

In addition, Mr. Check serves in the firm's lead plaintiff department, which involves litigation strategy and lead plaintiff issues.

**TOBIAS MILLROOD**, a partner of the firm, manages the mass tort department at Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler. Mr. Millrood has been actively involved in mass tort litigation involving Prempro (Hormone Therapy), Guidant Cardiac Devices, Medtronic Cardiac Devices, Vioxx, Fen-Phen, Baycol, Meridia, Thimerosal, Ephedra and Zyprexa.

Mr. Millrood has been distinguished with leadership roles in several national products liability actions. Mr. Millrood currently serves as Liaison Counsel in In Re Hormone Therapy Litigation, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. Mr. Millrood also serves on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in MDL 1507 – In Re Prempro Products Liability and is Chair of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA) Hormone Therapy Litigation Group. Mr. Millrood served as



a Co-Chair of the Expert Committee in *In Re Baycol Litigation*, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. In Meridia, Mr. Millrood is Co-Chair of the ATLA Meridia Litigation Group. He also served on the Executive Committee of MDL 1481, In re Meridia Products Liability. In Thimerosal, Mr. Millrood serves on the Executive Committee of the Omnibus Autism Proceedings before the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program. In August 2003, Mr. Millrood's article on Hormone Therapy was published in Trial magazine. Mr. Millrood speaks frequently at various seminars, on the topics of Mass Tort Litigation, Hormone Therapy, Cardiac Device Litigation, Meridia, the Ethics of Settling Mass Tort Cases and Electronic Discovery. Mr. Millrood has helped his clients to achieve millions of dollars in settlement of their product liability claims.

Prior to joining Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, LLP, Mr. Millrood practiced at Anapol Schwartz. While at Anapol Schwartz, Mr. Millrood garnered several notable achievements, including serving as co-counsel in a \$22 million medical malpractice verdict in *Wallace v. Fraider* (Phila. CCP Mar. 2001), one of the highest in state history. He also wrote and argued cases resulting in significant changes to Pennsylvania law: *Cullen v. Pennsylvania Prop. & Cas. Ins. Guar. Ass'n*, 760 A.2d 1198 (Pa. Commw. 2000) (Pennsylvania workers' compensation carrier could not assert a subrogated claim for benefits that its insured's employee was precluded from recovering in settlement of a related medical malpractice claim); and *Estate of Magette v. Goodman*, 2001 WL 218981 (Pa. Super. 2001) (failure to retain evidence of EKG strip during orthopedic surgery that resulted in death of patient required new trial where court failed to give jury adverse inference instruction).

Mr. Millrood received his law degree from University of Tulsa College of Law. He is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Mr. Millrood is a former member of the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Board of Governors and the Executive Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association Young Lawyers' Division.

**SEAN M. HANDLER**, a partner of the firm, received his law degree, cum laude, from Temple University School of Law. Mr. Handler received his undergraduate degree from Colby College, with distinction in American Studies. He is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Prior to joining Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Handler practiced at Reed Smith, LLP in Philadelphia. Mr. Handler concentrates his practice in the area of securities litigation, and serves in the firm's lead plaintiff department, which involves working with clients, litigation strategy and lead plaintiff issues. In this role, Mr. Handler has assisted partner Stuart Berman in enabling various of the firm's institutional and individual clients to serve as lead plaintiffs in important cases, such as *In re Tenet Healthcare Corp. Securities Litigation*, No. CV-02-8462-RSWL (C.D. Cal. 2002), *In re The Interpublic Group of Companies Securities Litigation*, No. 02 Civ. 6527 (S.D.N.Y. 2002), *State of New Jersey and Its Division of Investment v. Sprint Corporation, et al.*, No. 03-2071-JWL (D. Kan. 2003), *In re Ariba Inc. Securities Litigation*, Master File No. 03-00277 JF (N.D. Cal. 2003), and *In re Autobytel, Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. CV04-8987 MMM (JWJx)(C.D. Cal. 2004).

**JOHN A. KEHOE**, a partner of the firm, received a B.A. from Depaul University, and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Vermont. He received his J.D., magna cum laude, from Syracuse University College of Law in 1997, where he was an Associate Editor of the Syracuse Law Review, an Associate Member of the Moot Court Board, and an alternate member on the National Appellate Team. Mr. Kehoe is licensed to practice law in the State of New York, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Prior to joining Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Kehoe had extensive securities litigation experience as an associate at Bernstein, Litowitz, Berger & Grossman, LLP, and prior to that, at Clifford Chance US LLP. Before attending law school, Mr. Kehoe worked as a police officer in Burlington and Brattleboro, Vermont, and served as the lead investigator in numerous felony and misdemeanor complaints. Mr. Kehoe concentrates his practice in the area of securities litigation, and has worked extensively with partner David Kessler on *In re Initial Public Offering Securities Litigation*, Master File No. 21 MC 92 (SAS) (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 12, 2002), currently pending in the Southern District of New York.

**LEE D. RUDY**, a partner of the firm, received his law degree from Fordham University in 1996. In law school he was a senior editor of the Fordham Urban Law Journal and published *A Procedural Approach to Limited Public Forum Cases*, 22 Ford. Urb. L.J. 1255 (1995). He received his undergraduate degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Pennsylvania in 1992. Mr. Rudy is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New York. From 1996 to 2002, Mr. Rudy was an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, where he prosecuted dozens of felony jury trials to verdict, including robbery, rape, and murder cases. From 2003 to 2005, Mr. Rudy was an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of New Jersey, where he investigated and prosecuted numerous fraud and violent crime cases, and where he tried several major fraud cases to verdict in federal court. Mr. Rudy co-manages the firm's mergers and acquisition and shareholder derivative litigation department along with Marc Topaz and Eric Zagar.

**KAY E. SICKLES**, a partner of the firm, received her law degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law. She received her undergraduate degree from Colgate University, graduating, *with honors*, from the History department. Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Sickles was an associate with Sandals & Langer, LLP, where she litigated complex class actions arising out of violations of the ERISA and antitrust statutes. She is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Ms. Sickles concentrates her practice in the area of securities litigation and specializes in settlement matters.

**ERIC L. ZAGAR**, a partner of the firm, received his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School, *cum laude*, where he was an Associate Editor of the Michigan Law Review. He has practiced law in Pennsylvania since 1995, and previously served as a law clerk

to Justice Sandra Schultz Newman of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. He is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Zagar concentrates his practice in the area of shareholder derivative litigation. Mr. Zagar has served as Lead or Co-Lead counsel in numerous derivative actions in courts throughout the nation, including *David v. Wolfen*, Case No. 01- CC-03930 (Orange County, CA) (Broadcom Corp. Derivative Action); *In re PolyMedica Corporation Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, Case No. 01-3446 (Middlesex County, MA); *In Re Dynacq Int'l. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, Case No. 2002- 07135 (Harris County, TX); and *Castillo v. Cavallaro, et al.*, Case No. A467663 (Clark County, NV) (Station Casinos, Inc. Class and Derivative Action). Mr. Zagar has successfully achieved significant monetary and corporate governance relief for the benefit of shareholders, and has extensive experience litigating matters involving Special Litigation Committees.

## ASSOCIATES AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS

**JULES D. ALBERT**, an associate of the firm, received his J.D. in 2005 from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he was a Senior Editor of the University of Pennsylvania Journal of Labor and Employment Law and recipient of the James Wilson Fellowship. Mr. Albert also received a Certificate of Study in Business and Public Policy from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Albert graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Emory University. Mr. Albert is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania, and concentrates his practice in the Mergers and Acquisitions and Stockholders' Derivative Actions department.

**KATIE L. ANDERSON**, an associate of the firm, received her law degree from Widener University School of Law in 2002. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1999. Prior to joining Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Ms. Anderson served as a Deputy Attorney General for the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Bureau of Consumer Protection, where she was responsible for enforcing a wide range of consumer oriented laws.

Ms. Anderson is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and is admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. She concentrates her practice in the area of mass tort litigation.

**MICHELLE M. BACKES**, an associate of the firm, received her law degree from Villanova University School of Law. Ms. Backes received her undergraduate degrees in Finance and Art History from Loyola College in Maryland in 2002. Ms. Backes is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. She concentrates her practice at Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler in the area of securities litigation.

**IAN D. BERG**, an associate of the firm, received his J.D. and B.A. from Northwestern University. Mr. Berg concentrates his practice in the area of securities litigation and he plays a significant role in investigating and evaluating potential cases, including proprietary claims and direct actions on behalf of institutional clients. Prior to joining Schiffrin, Barroway, Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Berg primarily practiced in the areas of commercial litigation and land use on behalf of corporations and real estate investment trusts. He is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and Illinois.

**ROBERT W. BIELA**, an associate of the firm, received his law degree from the Penn State Dickinson School of Law, where he served on the editorial board of the Environmental Law and Policy Journal. Mr. Biela received his undergraduate degree from West Chester University. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Biela was an associate at Mager White and Goldstein, LLP, where he practiced in the areas of complex commercial litigation and securities litigation. Mr. Biela is licensed to practice in Pennsylvania, and focuses his practice in the area of securities litigation.

**KATHERINE B. BORNSTEIN**, an associate of the firm, received her law degree from Emory University School of Law. Ms. Bornstein received her undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland. She is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and Maryland. Prior to joining Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Ms. Bornstein was an associate at Provost & Umphrey Law Firm, LLP, where she worked on a number of complex litigation issues. Ms. Bornstein concentrates her practice at Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler in the areas of ERISA, antitrust and consumer protection.

**TREVAN BORUM**, an associate of the firm, received a B.A. from Wake Forest University in 1987 and his J.D. from Widener University Law School in 1992. He is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for The Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Prior to joining Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Borum practiced criminal defense at a firm in Philadelphia also served as an Assistant District Attorney in Philadelphia in the Homicide Unit for ten years. At Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Borum concentrates his practice in mergers and acquisition litigation.

**JONATHAN R. CAGAN**, an associate of the firm, received his law degree from the Temple University School of Law. Mr. Cagan received his undergraduate degree, cum laude, from Temple University. Mr. Cagan is licensed to practice law in New Jersey, and is admitted to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Cagan concentrates his practice in the area of securities litigation and specializes in discovery matters.

**EDWARD W. CIOLKO**, an associate of the firm, received his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center, and an MBA from the Yale School of Management. Prior to joining the firm, he served as an Attorney Advisor to Commissioner Sheila F. Anthony at the Federal Trade Commission. He is licensed to practice law in the State of New Jersey, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Mr. Ciolko concentrates his practice in the areas of antitrust, ERISA, and consumer protection.

**ALISON K. CLARK**, an associate of the firm, received her law degree, *cum laude*, from Boston University School of Law, and received her undergraduate degree in Political Science, with honors, from Lehigh University. Prior to joining Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Ms. Clark was an attorney with a Fairfield County, Connecticut law firm, where she practiced in the areas of civil and commercial litigation, and real estate transactions.

Ms. Clark is licensed to practice law in Connecticut, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut. Ms. Clark concentrates her practice in the areas of Mergers and Acquisitions and Stockholders' Derivative Actions department.

**STEPHEN E. CONNOLLY**, an associate of the firm, received his law degree from Villanova University School of Law, and is a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University. Prior to joining Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Connolly was an associate at a Philadelphia firm where he practiced in the areas of complex litigation, securities and antitrust litigation. Mr. Connolly is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania, and concentrates his practice in the area of securities litigation.

**MARK S. DANEK**, an associate of the firm, received his undergraduate degree in Architecture from Temple University in 1996, and his law degree from Duquesne University School of Law in 1999. Prior to joining Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Danek was employed as in-house counsel of a real estate investment trust corporation that specialized in the collection of delinquent property tax receivables. He is licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and has been admitted to practice before the Courts of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania and the Supreme Court of the United States of America. Mr. Danek concentrates his practice in the area of securities litigation.

**BRADLEY A. DIRKS**, an associate of the firm, received his J.D. from The University of Akron School of Law and a B.A. in Journalism and Political Science, *cum laude*, from the University of Wisconsin. He is a member of the State Bar of New Jersey, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Prior to joining Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Dirks worked for an Atlantic City, New Jersey-based law firm where he focused on administrative law and regulatory issues in the casino gaming industry. Mr. Dirks concentrates his practice in the area of Mergers and Acquisitions and Stockholders' Derivative Actions department.

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